Production of Marine Fish

4006. DR. SUDHIR RAY:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of marine fish?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The important steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government to increase the marine fish production include implementation of the following schemes:—

(i) Motorisation of traditional craft

(ii) Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on High Speed Diesel Oil used by fishing vessels below 20 M. Length;

(iii) Exploitation of offshore pelagic fishery resources by the introduction of non-trawler type FRP fishing boats of 12—15 Metre length;

(iv) Introduction of plywood fishing craft as substitute to canoes and catamarans;

(v) Financing Maritime State Governments to procure patrol boats for effective implementation of Marine Fishing Regulation Act in the Territorial Waters; and

(vi) Encouraging deep sea fishing through joint venture, allowing leasing of second hand foreign fishing vessels, extension of credit for purchase of vessels etc.

Progress of C-DOT

4007. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far by the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT);

(b) whether the technology developed by C-DoT have been accepted by other countries; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for further growth of C-DOT and to tap the international market?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) C-DOT has designed a family of digital switching systems consisting of Private Branch Exchange, Rural Automatic Exchange, Main Exchange, Integrated Local and Transit Exchange Development of Vendors for components, sub-assemblies and other materials required for manufacture of the designs was also undertaken by C-DOT. The production technology including development of tools, testers and manufacturing processes has been evolved. Support, training, documentation and assistance for deployment of these products has also been provided. C-DOT is, currently, engaged on a number of projects for developing switching and transmission products for Department of Telecommunications.

(b) C-DOT has received enquiries from a number of countries for its technology and products. C-DOT licensees are also getting proposals directly.

(c) C-DOT has been established as a permanent institution. Government is supporting C-DOT by making available adequate funds for its technology/Products development programme. C-DOT is making efforts to boost exports through international exposure. The Department is also promoting export of telecom products and services.

Gold and Silver Obtained from Mines

4008. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of gold and silver obtained from the various gold mines during the last three years;

(b) whether mining of the Kolar Gold Fields have been stopped;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have any scheme to tap gold and silver from unexplored areas of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Quantity of gold and silver obtained from various gold mines and as bye-products in the country dur-